

SF Art Commission
STATE/LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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BACKGROUND

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The State/Local program is part of a nationwide trend to grant increasing responsibility and control over tax dollars to the local level, where it is believed citizens can participate most effectively. This "decentralization" or "localism" is meant to provide the widest possible range of support for old and new art forms.

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The San Francisco Art Commission held eight public meetings in city neighborhoods to allow members of the community to give input into the direction to be taken by the Commission. A panel of representatives from these meetings was formed to determine how best to use the State/Local dollars. The result is the Task Force to the San Francisco Art Commission, composed of over 20 volunteers: arts, business, and community leaders.

The Commission has concluded that the State/Local Program must be adapted to suit an arts community which is already highly developed, networked, and successful in developing many types of funding sources and audiences. This is San Francisco's special challenge: to mold the goals of the statewide program to fit needs which are not only urban, but also those of an internationally acclaimed arts center.

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GOALS

In 1981 the California Arts Council outlined the following objectives for the State/Local Program:

1. Provide a mechanism for more effective local arts planning and coordinate such planning with State programs.
2. Develop rural and suburban areas which have not fully participated in arts programs.
3. Give Local Partners the opportunity to assist the California Arts Council in improving arts programming.
4. Provide a more stable base of support for the arts by expanding public and private sector support at the local level.
5. Provide a decentralization mechanism for the other California Arts Council programs.
6. Prevent duplication and overlap between federal, (administered through the C.A.C.,) state and local programs.
7. Provide for increased employment of artists.
8. Stimulate the local economy.

Locally, the purpose of the State/Local Partnership Program is to provide a climate in which San Francisco's arts can continue to thrive and grow, reaching ever larger audiences and thereby enhancing the cultural life of the City. To accomplish this, existing activities in the City need to be promoted and strengthened, forming a partnership between the public and private sectors.

The program goals include:

1. Developing a comprehensive cultural plan for the City with an effective mechanism for continued planning.
2. Providing a cultural resource list for the City, coordinating between arts and cultural support groups to update information and to eliminate duplication of resources.
3. Developing an equitable funding mechanism for dissemination of state or federal funds.
4. Participating in the State/Local Program in the Bay Area and statewide for information exchange, cooperative programming efforts and advocacy for all the arts to local, state and federal levels.

5. Promoting and acting as advocate for the arts community, to ensure that the needs of special constituencies such as minorities, the disabled and senior citizens are represented and addressed with the needs of individual artists, arts organizations and those served by social institutions such as the schools.

In summary, the Advisory Task Force will work with the Art Commission to ensure that planning is sensitive and responsive to the complex needs and priorities of the existing communities of San Francisco.

ORGANIZATION

The State/Local Task Force serves as an advisor to the San Francisco Art Commission. (See page following for organizational flow chart.)

The Task Force has divided into working committees, charged with the following:

Steering Committee: Coordinates the committee work and recommends actions to the full Task Force.

Artists-in-Residence: Identifies and evaluates current programming.

Business & Foundations: Identifies and evaluates local business and foundation support for the arts.

Bylaws: Drafts rules, regulations and bylaws for Task Force approval.

Individual Artists: Identifies and represents interests of individual artists, researches individual artists' programs.

Nominating: Seeks and enlists volunteers to serve on Task Force and its committees who represent the broadest spectrum of arts interest and support.

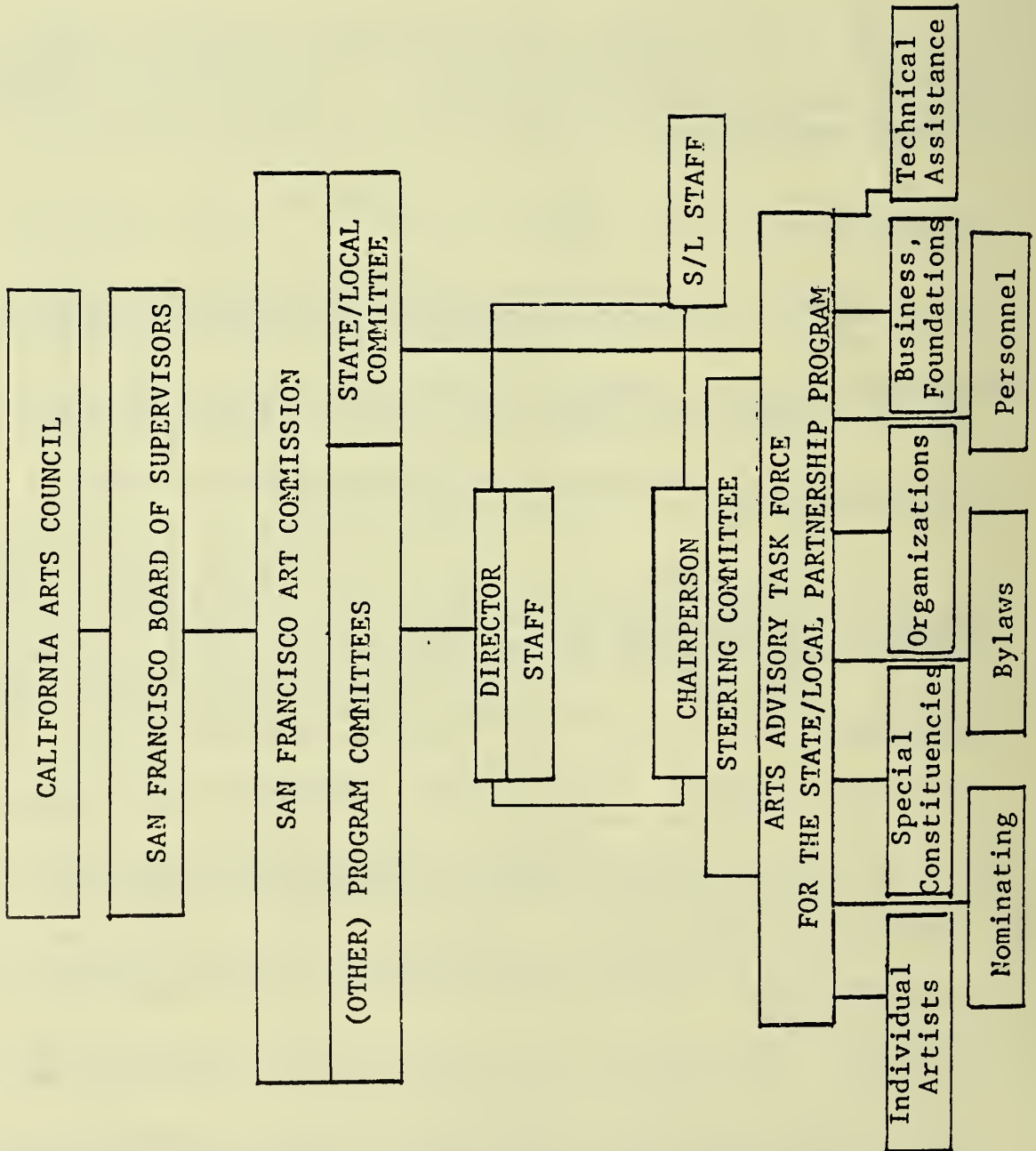
Organizations: Identifies and represents the interests of arts organizations.

Personnel: Recommends to Task Force hiring, supervision and termination of program employees.

Special Constituencies: Identifies and represents interests of the disenfranchised or socio-economically disadvantaged citizens who wish to participate in cultural activities.

Technical Assistance: Identifies and evaluates technical assistance provision to the arts in San Francisco.

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Individual Artists - Bob Martin/Gail Newman, Co-Chairs
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